

Village of Canal Winchester 36 South High Street Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110-1213

Village Council Monday, May 19, 2008 7:00 PM

Minutes

Call to Order:

Mr. Deeds called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

John Bender

Rick Deeds

Bruce Jarvis

Robbie Mershon

Victor Paini

Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry

Leah Turner

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Paini moved to approve the minutes of the May 5th, 2008 meeting. Mrs. Mershon seconded the motion.

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry noted a correction in the minutes: The name of the caretaker of Potter's Field cemetery at Union Grove is Gayle Grimes.

VOTE:

AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried.

Communications & Petitions:

A memo was received from Allan Neimayer regarding the approval of Violet Township's Busey Road Park. Mr. Neimayer referred to exhibits within the memo showing the old Pfeiffer property and the zoning requirements thereof. The zoning requirements called for the 20-30 acre tract to be developed as a park. Mr. Neimayer asked Council if they need to see this in a more formal format, or if the current map/layout is sufficient to gain their approval.

Mr. Paini asked if it sets a precedent if they don't review this, but have reviewed others in the past. Mr. Neimayer stated he didn't believe that it would set a precedent because it was initially determined to be developed as a park.

Mr. Jarvis asked if the Village of Canal Winchester had any maintenance responsibilities with this park. Mr. Neimayer stated we did not.

Office: (614) 837-7493 Fax: (614) 837-0145 Mr. Deeds asked Mr. Hollins if he had any reservations or concerns. Mr. Hollins stated that he did not. The original intent of having the plan approved by Council as well as Planning and Zoning, was because the plan was not detailed at the time of initial approval.

Mr. Deeds asked if this is the entire plan, or if there is more added, will those plans come through Council also. Mr. Neimayer answered that this is just for the open space/park area. Further additions will come through separately.

Mr. Paini asked about the timeline. Mr. Neimayer stated that he doesn't have an exact timeline, but he believes that they want to get started this summer. They have two cabins that represent construction at that time period that will be moved into this area.

Dr. Bender asked Mr. Neimayer if he was comfortable with it. Mr. Neimayer stated that he was. There are some conditions that apply; proper access to the area and that there be a connector to "Green Gate Blvd." (between Diley and Hill Rd.).

Mrs. Turner asked if Violet Township will be solely responsible for the utilities being run to the property. Mr. Neimayer stated that it would be their responsibility, however there are no utilities required at this time. There are plans for a permanent restroom facility by the parking lots, but they are waiting until the Fire Station is built next door, then extend the utilities at that time.

Mrs. Turner asked if the park would be closed at night. Mr. Neimayer stated that it would be open from sun up to sun down and there would be a gate at the Busey Road entrance. When the road connects with Green Gate Blvd, they will install another gate on the south end to prevent cut-through traffic.

Mrs. Turner asked if dogs will be allowed to be in the park or if there would be a dog run. Mr. Neimayer believes they are looking at another location that would be in closer proximity to the residents for a dog run.

Dr. Bender moved to approve the plans and allow Mr. Neimayer to take it forward with Violet Township. Mrs. Mershon seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried.

Village Residents Comments:

Five-minute limit per person; none at this time.

ORDINANCES:

SECOND Reading:

Sponsor: Mrs. Mershon

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR O-05-08A

CONCESSION FOOD AND DRINKS AT THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL.

Mrs. Mershon read the ordinance and moved to suspend the rules and waive the third reading. Dr. Bender seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried.

Mrs. Mershon moved to adopt Ordinance 28-08. Dr. Bender seconded the motion.

The pool is scheduled to open before it could get to a third reading, therefore Ms. Osborn is asking for it to be made an emergency.

VOTE:

AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried.

Sponsor: Mrs. Mershon

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2008 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 77-O-05-08B

07.Amendment #1

Mrs. Mershon read the ordinance. Second reading only.

THIRD Reading:

Sponsor: Dr. Bender

O-04-08F

AN ORDINANCE TO NAME 48.14 ACRES OF PARK LAND LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF DIETZ ROAD AND WASHINGTON STREET AS THE "JAMES H KELLEY III PRESERVE".

Dr. Bender read the ordinance and moved to adopt Ordinance 29-08. Mr. Paini seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried.

Sponsor: Mrs. Turner

O-04-08G

AN ORDINANCE TO NAME 4.834 ACRES OF PARK LAND LOCATED ON HOWE

PARKWAY "THE HOWE POND PARK"

Mrs. Turner read the Ordinance and moved to adopt Ordinance 30-08. Mr. Paini seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ebert and Mr. Strayer traveled to Norfolk to tour the Norfolk Southern Rail facility and shipyard. Representatives from Franklin County, Pickaway County, Groveport and Columbus went along as well. The shipyard is the beginning of the Rickenbacker inter-modal. The group met with Norfolk Southern customers who are looking into relocating or adding to their businesses in this area. This generated some interest in Canal Winchester for those businesses.

Public Works Director:

Mr. Peoples stated that the Columbus Street project is ahead of schedule. Curbs will be placed this Friday. Moisture was found and the streets have been stabilized. This stabilization was in the budget as a contingency item.

2008 Street CIP has begun in Winchester Trace.

Delivery of the 11-foot cut mower and the cab-over truck is expected soon.

The sidewalk inspections have been started and they are working through the program.

The spring street tree planting is complete. 169 baskets and containers were planted.

The Water Dept. is working on meter switch-outs and pool start up. The Recreation pool is being repainted this week.

Water Reclamation is working on I&I removals in Winchester Village and some identification at Water and Highland.

EMH&T has begun Thrush Drive reconstruction in anticipation of next year's OPWC funded project.

EMH&T has also started the Transportation Thoroughfare Plan update, as well as, started the "Safe Routes to School" school travel plan.

Development Director:

See written report.

Community Affairs Director:

Mrs. Hoover stated that the opening of the recreation pool and baby pool will be pushed back to May 31st due to the weather restrictions on painting.

Council members should have received a copy of the new Quarterly Community newsletter.

Mrs. Hoover thanked everyone for their help in the Relay for Life fundraiser at Shades. They were able to raise \$954.00 to donate.

Music and Art in the Park kicked off on Friday. It was well-attended, approx. 200 people. The next one will be June 20th. The theme is Blast from the Past. It will have a 16-piece band, Swing's the Thing, and a classic car show.

Village Solicitor:

No report at this time, but Mr. Hollins wanted to emphasize the new law that limits the numbers of passengers allowed to ride with 16 and 17 year-old drivers and ensure its enforcement.

Fairfield County Sheriff:

Sgt. Kern read his report.

Mr. Paini asked if the changes made at the intersection of Gender / Winchester have made a difference. Sgt. Kern stated that making it a no turn on red has made a significant positive change in the area.

Finance Director:

Ms. Osborn stated that 2009 budget requests must be sent to her by May 28th.

Ms. Osborn asked if the Council Retreat / Committee of the Whole meeting could be scheduled for Saturday, July 12th, 2008. All Council members stated that this date would work. Location is yet to be determined.

Council Reports:

Monday, June 9, 2008 at 5:45 PM Old Town Committee

Mr. Jarvis stated that they reviewed the Preservation Guidelines from 2003. No substantial changes were requested, however, the use of the word "must" needs to be addressed as to whether or not it is a guideline or it is enforceable. Also, it was suggested that a link to Zoning Ordinances be added to the guidelines. Copies will be made available to Landmarks and Historical Society for a similar review.

Mr. Jarvis will meet soon with Landmarks Commission regarding the Inter-Urban building.

Mr. Deeds asked if any changes to the Guidelines will come in front of Old Town before moving forward. Mr. Jarvis stated that it will.

Mrs. Mershon asked if they will come in front of Council at any time. Mr. Jarvis said that would be the next step after Old Town.

Mayor Ebert suggested that P&Z, Old Town and Landmarks should have quarterly joint meetings to eliminate any issues or problems.

Mr. Jarvis concurred and asked Ms. Osborn if she could look into scheduling that. She stated that P&Z and Old Town already meet on the same night. If Landmarks could join, it may not be difficult to schedule.

Finance Committee

Monday, June 2, 2008 at 5:45 PM

Service Committee

Monday, June 16, 2008 at 5:45 PM

Safety Committee

Monday, June 9, 2008 at 5:00 PM

Mrs. Mershon stated that they would like to investigate the cost of the machines that tell you how fast you are going and possibly getting more for the Village.

Mr. Paini added that pole-mounted units are used in other communities.

Mayor Ebert asked if the purpose was to scare people or to take information about the cars. Mayor Ebert asked what can be done with the information.

Sgt. Kern responded that it would tell you if there is a speeding problem. If so, what times of day. High end units can also do a traffic count.

Mayor Ebert asked if the traffic counts would be admissible to ODOT as a traffic study. Mr. Peoples and Sgt. Kern did not have a certain answer to that.

Committee of the Whole

Monday, July 12th, 2008 at 6:30 PM

New Business:

Mr. Jarvis was asked about the light at Washington / Columbus Street. It is on its regular cycle. Mr. Jarvis asked if it can temporarily be changed to flashing red while the Columbus Street reconstruction is ongoing.

Mr. Peoples believes that there are regulations about changing signal operations that state signs must be posted for 14 days before the operation is changed. We are approximately 30 days from opening the road to traffic. This has been discussed in Safety.

Mayor Ebert added that we cannot change the signal ourselves, it would have to be hired out. Mr. Jarvis asked what it costs. Ms. Osborn stated it would be \$156/hour with a 4 hour minimum.

Consensus was that it is not financially prudent to change the light at this late point in the timeframe.

Old Business:

Sound system has been worked on and sounds better. Ms. Osborn can look into prices on the lapel microphones. Consensus is that the microphones are working fine at this time.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Not needed at this time.

<u> Adjournment:</u>

Mr. Jarvis moved to adjourn. Mr. Paini seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Ms. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Ms. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried.

Time out: 7:41pm

President of Council

Mayor

NOTE: The minutes set forth herein are an extract of the Council meetings. Anyone desiring a transcript of the complete minutes of the Council meeting may obtain the same at a cost of \$10.00 per page.